

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start by saying well done to all of the children after their first full week back at school. It has been very successful, and it's fair to say that the children have settled back into school brilliantly.

This week, our year 2s were able to complete a fantastic river walk in order to start their new topic. They behaved wonderfully and really enjoyed their activities. Thank you to the parents that helped and made this trip possible.

We have also been delighted to welcome some of our new reception and nursery children this week. It has been so lovely to see the children walk in on their first day of school and to see some very proud parents waving them farewell. With my daughter having just started nursery, I know this is a very special and emotional occasion! These children have made a fantastic start.

We have lots to look forward to this year. We will soon be starting some new intervention for pupils with additional needs, including Read Write Inc, which is an intervention that is focused on spelling and phonics strategies, as well as a range of maths interventions that focus on basic skills and application. These will start shortly and will be of real benefit to pupils that need an extra boost.

We are also looking forward to getting our clubs up and running next week. Running club will be starting on Monday – if your child was in running club last year then they can attend straight away at 8am. If your child is in year 1 to 6 and wishes to join, please let the office know. Our sports specialist is looking forward to continuing to make sure that every child has an opportunity to take part in sports over the course of the year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr Tuck

Attendance Matters

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act

Dates for your Diary

17 Sept	Reception 3rd intake (9.00 - 11.45) (no 1st intake)
17 Sept	Nursery 30 hours 2nd intake (9.00 - 12.30)
18 Sept	YR6 Homefront Bus
18 Sept	All part time Nursery in (9.00 - 12.00)
18 Sept	Nursery 30 hours - 3rd intake (9.00 - 12.30)
18 Sept	Marchants Hill Parent Information Meeting (3.00 and 6.00)
20 Sept	Reception stay for lunch (pick up at 1.15)
20 Sept	Dolphins weekly swimming lessons start
21 Sept	Reception stay for lunch (pick up at 1.15)
24 Sept	Reception stay all day
24 Sept	Nursery 30 hours—3rd intake full time (9.00 - 3.00)
24 Sept	YR1 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
25 Sept	YR2 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
26 Sept	YR4 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
27 Sept	YR5 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
28 Sept	YR6 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
1 Oct	YR3 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
2 Oct	Reception Meet the Teacher (9.00am)
3 Oct	SEND Parent Drop-in Session (3.15-4.45)
10 Oct	Sibling Photos
11 Oct	Individual Photos
16 Oct	Parents Evening (3.30-5.30)
18 Oct	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
18 Oct	Parents Evening (4.00-7.00)
19 Oct	Inset Day
22 Oct	Half Term Week

Inset Days	19 October 2018
	15 February 2019
	23 April 2019
	3 June 2019

N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception
KS1 = Years 1 & 2
KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

RECEPTION

Welcome to all the new Squirrels and Otters who have started their Grovelands journey this week! The children have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and making new friends.

YEAR 1

'This week in Year 1 we made an amazing discovery! A space rocket had crash landed into the playground. We had to make a list of what we found and wrote some descriptive sentences about what the alien might have looked like. Luckily the alien has made his way back home safely. In maths we have been consolidating our learning of numbers to 20. In science we have been looking at different materials.'

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been on a wonderful river walk to observe all the different types of boats, the materials they are built of and completed sketching too. Our boat theme has continued in English by reading the book 'Lost and Found', thinking about the feelings of characters in the stories and writing using full stops and capital letters. In maths we have been using equipment and pictures to understand and record two digit numbers in tens and ones.

YEAR 3

The children have been learning about place value in maths working with hundreds, tens and ones. In English, the children have been preparing and writing a recount about their trip to Sainsbury's focusing on using punctuation correctly. In science, the children have used their senses to sort various fruit into venn diagrams.

YEAR 4

In English, we've been exploring Kennings poems and had a go at creating our own! We have been learning to round numbers to 10, 100 and 1000 in maths. We investigated some intriguing events that occurred during 1066...some parts were quite horrific! We had an exciting science lesson, where we saw rice grains popping up and down. We placed rice on a sheet of paper and held this above a speaker. When we played the music loudly, we could see the vibrations of the music, as well as hearing the sound!

YEAR 5

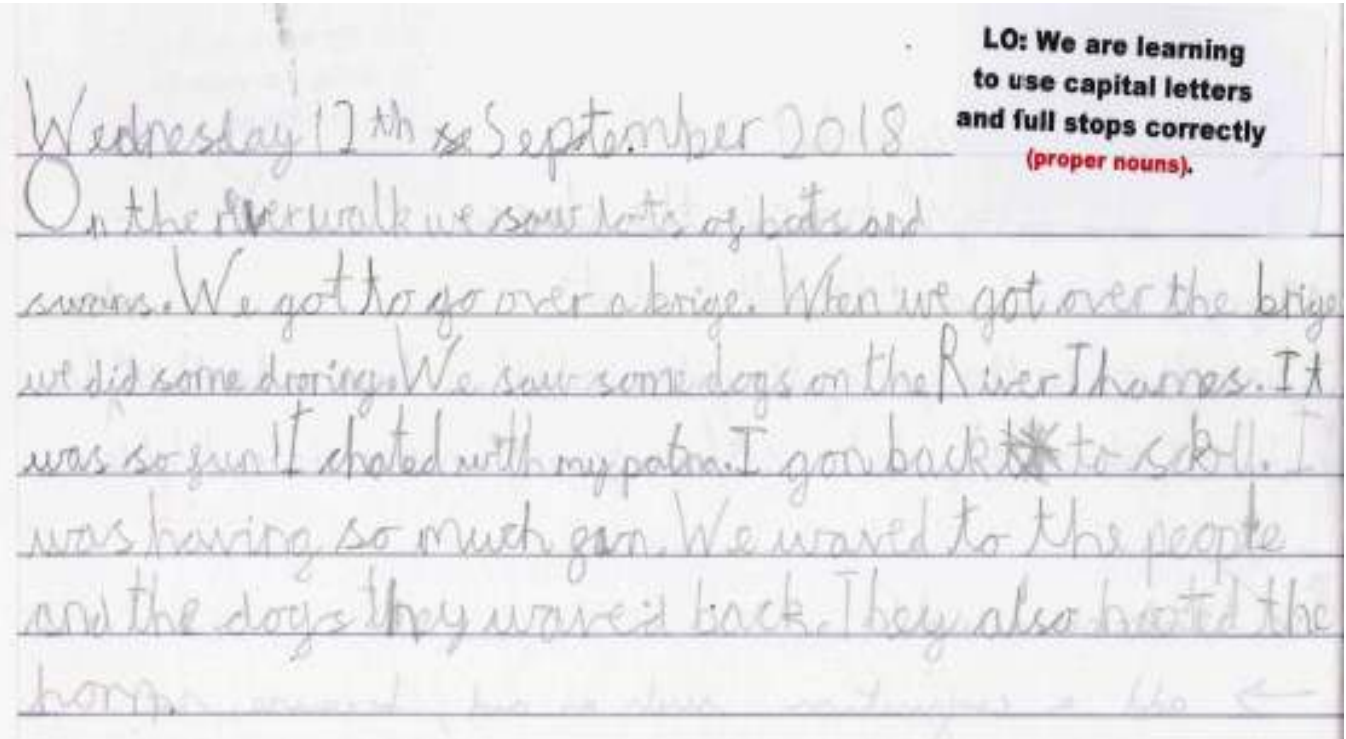
In year 5 this week we have been investigating place value and rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000. In English we have been busy writing and editing our biographies on Henry VIII. Next week we will be writing a biography on Anne Boleyn, so perhaps children could begin researching this at home over the weekend. We have also been studying and comparing modern day maps to Tudor maps, looking for similarities and differences. Have a super weekend and see you all next week!

YEAR 6

In year 6 we have been revising place value, and working with deadly decimals. Our writing focus has been letters, in role as evacuees. Science has us all lit up— literally, as we have explored circuits!



Please see Lara's (Dolphins class) fantastic write up for the Year 2 visit to the River this week, which kick started their new topic, Land Ahoy!





Moon Zoom!



Year 1's week started off with a bang when a spaceship crash landed in the playground and an alien was on the loose running around the school! Fortunately, we managed to repair the spaceship and get the alien safely back on-board. We are pleased to report he has now made his way home in outer space.

Medication



As reminded last term, medication can't be stored in school during the summer holidays.

Any medication that wasn't collected in July has been disposed of.



If your child requires medication in school, including inhalers, please ensure you bring them into the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Parent Tours for 2019 Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 they will be due to start in Reception in September 2019. You can apply for their school place now online via Surrey County Council School Admissions. The closing date for applications for Primary, Infant and Junior Schools is **15 January 2019**.

We are holding school tours for prospective Reception parents on the following dates:

- Thursday 18 October 2018
- Tuesday 6 November 2018
- Wednesday 21 November 2018
- Wednesday 5 December 2018

Please telephone the school office to book your place — 01932 227816

Some of our Year 5's completing the Roald Dahl maths challenges this week!



Volunteering at Grovelands

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening up our volunteer register again for the 2018/19 school year!

Volunteers are hugely valued at Grovelands and we are grateful to anybody wishing to commit some time to enable us to enhance our activities.

If you would like to come in and help, then please collect an 'Application to Volunteer' form from reception. This will enable us to begin the process for your DBS application.

If you have previously completed a form, you will be contacted shortly to finish the DBS process.

Applications will be open until Friday 28th September. A further window to apply will open during the Spring term.

THANK YOU



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	97.3%	97.8%	93.2%	94.8%	98.8%	96.9%

Well done to **Year 5** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Kestrels, Dolphins & Swans** for the best class attendance **100%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	97.3%	97.8%	93.2%	94.8%	98.8%	96.9%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.9%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Flamingos	Denis	Sharbanoo	Jack
Penguins	Saira	Harley	Saira
Swans	Rosie	George/River	Alfie
Dolphins	Laycee	Tyler	Lara
Seals	Brynley	Sienna	Lilly
Giraffes	Scarlett Rose	Leo	Scarlett Rose
Zebras	Alana	Madoc	Laila
Jaguars	Teddy	Maram	Finn
Leopards	Curtis	Dylan	Callum
Panthers	Edward	Kacper	Muntaha
Eagles	Megan	Preston	Alfie
Kestrels	Logan	Daisy	Nico
Cobras	Ellen	Aidan E	Paris
Pythons	Isis	Betty	Faye

WELL DONE EVERYONE